Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 136-214 are pending in the application, with 136-139 and 175 being the independent claims. Claims 1-135 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. New claims 136-214 are sought to be added. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Support for new claims 136, 137, 138, 139, 140-143, 144-148, 149-153, 155, 162, 163, 174, 175, 176-188, 189-193, 195, 202, 203, 214 is found, *inter alia*, in originally filed claims 1, 29, 106, 56, 57-60, 65-69, 72-76, 79, 77, 78, 80, 81, 82-94, 97-101, 104, 102, 103 and 105 respectively. Support for new claims 154, 156-158, 160-161, 164-173, 194, 196-198, 200-201 and 204-213 is found, *inter alia*, at page 61, paragraph 131, pages 62-63, paragraphs 133 and 136, page 56, paragraph 11 and pages 12-13, paragraph 40. Support for new claims 159 and 199 is found, *inter alia* at page 99, paragraph 221.

Support for the term "co-lipid" in claims 156-158, 161-163, 196-198 and 201-203 is found, *inter alia*, at pages 62-63, paragraph 136. Support for the term "transfection facilitating agent" in claims 152 and 192 is found, *inter alia*, at page 60, paragraph 130.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicant believes the present application is now in a condition for examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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